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St. Canice Catholic Church
MAY 28, 2023
PENTECOST SUNDAY




Alleluia, alleluia.
 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Religious Education
 - Religious Education Program Thank You -

On behalf of our St. Canice Religious Education program, I would like to thank our parishioners for all of the support you have shown for our children during the 2022-23 school year. Last weekend was our final meeting, and during our conversation with Father Estrella, we shared many of the highlights from our year. We also prayed a prayer of thanks for our parishioners' support that makes our program possible.

As we take a break from official lessons, please pray that our children will continue to look for opportunities every day to practice what they have learned about our faith and that each day they will grow closer to our Lord. Thank you for welcoming our young parishioners at Mass and for showing them examples of how to live out our faith in so many ways.
 Brooke Blake



VOLUNTEER

I'D LOVE TO HELP! WHEN? WHERE? I'LL BE THERE! SURE I CAN!

We are hoping to find a few volunteers who will help with daily hand watering at the rectory. It takes 15-20 minutes and is best done before 8:30 am. If you can help, please contact Rick at (530)265-5632.



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
June 3-4, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	Mike Blake, Mike Cartan	Aidynn Salter	Meghan Salter	Kevin Foley & Christine Strohm
Sun 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh, Ray James		Michelle McIntosh	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
May 28th & June 4th	Donna Roach
June 11 & June 18	Judy Steffens

Mass Schedule

Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM
 Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM
 Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM

Mass Live-Stream
 Sunday 11:00 AM from St Patrick Church

Confession
 Friday 8:00 AM
 Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)

Eucharistic Adoration
 Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Rosary
 Wednesday 8:00 AM

Our Mission, as the Parish of Saint Canice Catholic Church, is to proclaim the teaching and wisdom of Jesus Christ throughout our entire Community, by our life and participation in the Sacraments and Traditions of His Holy Catholic Church.

Dear Family,

As we started with the sanctuary, I believe it is fitting to conclude by explaining the mural on the sanctuary wall. While the mural is particular to St. Patrick's, the meaning is part of our belief as Catholics in general. In the long history of the Church, it is only a very modern and seemingly short-lived idea to separate the tabernacle from the altar, as I am fond of quoting of the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, "you cannot have the Sacrament without the Sacrifice." This union is often expressed by having the crucifix very close to the tabernacle since the tabernacle no longer rests on the altar itself.

On either side of the tabernacle is one adoring angel, this is a very traditional arrangement but goes beyond devotion, it actually comes from the Old Testament instructions for the temple. In the heart of the temple was kept the Ark of the Covenant which contained Moses' staff, the tablets of the 10 Commandments and a jar of the manna that God fed them with in the desert. The lid of the Ark of the Covenant had two cherubim facing each other and whose wings extended to touch in the middle. This was called the Mercy Seat. In the book of the Hebrews we are encouraged to approach "the throne of grace with confidence to attain mercy and timely help." (Hebrews 4:16)

It is our Lord's sacrifice on the Cross that won us our redemption and we have the fullness of God's mercy, likewise His same saving sacrifice is the source of all grace in the world, grace extended to us through the Mass and the other Sacraments. For this reason, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is called the "Tribunal of Mercy" because through this Sacrament we receive the grace of mercy.

The vines in the mural behind the crucifix are called the "Tree of Life" which evokes the Tree from which our first parents ate the forbidden fruit. There are many levels of meaning with this mural and this is first, the crucifix undoes the rupture between God and humanity. The fruit in the tree in the Garden of Eden was death. The early Church Fathers often referred to the Cross as the tree because it undid was done by our first parents and so the fruit of the Cross is life; life Given to us through the Sacred Eucharist.

We can easily perceive that stars on the blue background are meant to evoke Heaven. The Mass, because it is the most perfect form of worshipping God, is the union of Heaven and Earth; the Book of Revelation teaches us this as it shows us the heavenly liturgy. The Cross and spires that rise up into the sky painted there remind us that this union happens via the Cross. The Cross pierces heaven so that we might have a glimpse of God and the life that He desires us to live with Him there. Again, our reception of the Eucharist draws us into that life.

Someone once commented to me that the readings at Mass should be short so as not to lose people's attention, that may be true! Any Catholic church is really a book meant to be read, a book which reveals the great love story that is our redemption. The story of God, Who loves us so much He went even to the Cross to make us His.

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,679
School of Religion \$ 409



Upcoming Collections

May 27-28 Catholic Home Missions
June 3-4 No 2nd collection
June 10-11 Church envelopes

Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Acts 1:12-24	Jn 19:25-34
Tues	Sir 35:1-12	Mk 10:28-31 (348)
Wed	Rom 12:9-16	Lk 1:39-56 (572)
Thurs	Sir 42:15-25	Mk 10:46-52 (350)
Fri	Sir 44:1,9-13	Mk 11:11-26 (351)
Sat	Sir 51:12cd-20	Mk 11:27-33 (352)
Sun	Ex 34:4b-6 2 Cor 13:11-13	Jn 3:16-18 (164)

Parish Book Club Gathering

Monday, July 24, 2023



All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 1:30 P. M. in the Angel's Nest. The Angel's Nest is located at the back of St. Patrick's Church and can be reached by walking along the outside right wall of the church. We will be discussing *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism*, by Kimberly and Scott Hahn. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite book store or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee and cookies will be served.



If you find yourself alone and don't care to go solo to dine, see movies, travel, etc. then you are welcome to join the "Circle of Friends".

We are a ministry of St. Patrick Church who have banded together those who are looking to enjoy the life around us in the spirit of Christian Fellowship. We are men and women without partners and we attend theater, movies, local activities and we sometimes travel. We love hostels and other affordable lodgings.

We meet once a month on the last Wednesday of the month in the small hall next to the rectory at 6:00 p.m. to share a potluck light dinner and plan our activities.

We would love to have you join us and if you have any questions, please feel free to call Ginny at 530-432-1175 or Dolores at 530-263-6537 and escott_place@sbcglobal.net or just come to our next meeting.

CULTURE OF LIFE



What some California legislators want for our families...

Senate Bill 58 seeks to decriminalize harmful hallucinogens for recreational use such as magic mushrooms (Psilocybin), DMT, Ibogaine, and Mescaline. There were 6, 843 opioid-related overdose deaths in California in 2021. That number of deaths is slightly more than the number of 11-17-year-old students in all of Nevada County. Is there really a need for legalizing and encouraging more "recreational" drug use?

Assembly Bill 1432 would require all California insurance policies to cover, "abortion, abortion-related services", and "gender-affirming care", which includes potentially sterilizing cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers for minors, plus sex change operations and plastic surgeries. It seems it is not enough to destroy an already conceived child; it is now important to render our children and grandchildren permanently childless.

Thank you for your support of our local pro-life pregnancy clinic, LivingWell. However, centers and clinics like LivingWell are under attack from Assembly Bill 315. The bill would allow such centers to be sued for speech which any pro-abortion activist considers "false or misleading." The language in the bill is so expansive that ministries, churches or clinics that offer women "health counseling services related to pregnancy" could be sued. The party of "Choice" is attempting to eliminate resources allowing poor and vulnerable women to choose LIFE for their children.

"Children and young people are the future; they are our strength; they are what keep us moving forward. They are the ones in whom we put our hope." Pope Francis

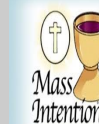


St. Joseph Men's Guild Scholarship

Applications for the annual St. Joseph Men's Guild scholarship are now being accepted.

This scholarship will be awarded to a 2023 high school graduate who attends St. Canice Church. To receive an application, or if you have additional questions about the scholarship, please contact Mike Blake at (530) 273-7162 or mjbn@yahoo.com. The deadline for submitting an application is June 30.

Mass Intentions



Mon.	05/29/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	05/30/23	7:30 am	Ben Omar Beltran
Wed.	05/31/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	06/01/23	7:30 am	Past and present members of the Men's Guild
Fri.	06/02/23	7:30 am	Ladies Guild Members Past & Present
Sat.	06/03/23	5:30 pm	Joe Messmen (D)
Sun.	06/04/23	9:00 am	No intention

Reflecting on the Gospel



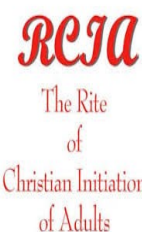
"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love"

Roman Missal, Pentecost Sequence

As we come to the end of the Easter season, let us reflect on the incredible journey undertaken by Jesus out of love for us. Eight weeks ago, we entered the church waving palm branches to mark Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. During that holiest of weeks, we remember how Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, shared bread and wine with his disciples. Then, after an agonizing evening in the garden, Jesus takes up his cross. Nails pierce his skin as he hangs and cries out and soon, breathes his last. The story should have ended here with death but we know that is not what happened.

Throughout the last fifty days of Easter, we soaked in stories of the resurrected Lord who still had some teaching and revealing to do. Jesus was not ready to leave quite yet. Now, on this solemnity of Pentecost, Jesus turns the work over to his disciples. Jesus's journey continues, though now we are the ones to take on the preaching and praying, the forgiving and healing. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we the disciples of today are called to carry on Christ's saving work.

How do we take on such a major mission? We do so by coming together like our ancestors did for that first Pentecost celebration: a diverse group of people bonded by their amazement at the mighty acts of God. We do so by remembering that we are part of one body with many parts, each part called to use its gifts for the betterment of the whole.



The next inquire session is Saturday June 17, from 9-11 am in the RCIA room at St. Cecelia's Center.

For more information, contact Traci at (530) 575-0176, or rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org